GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of August 20, 1968, concerning the records of the Warren Commission.

There has been no revision or change in the guidelines concerning the records of the Commission. The guidelines referred to in our letter of August 19 as Guidelines 3A-C are Guidelines 3(A), 3(B), and 3(C) on the list of which you have a copy. The pages in Commission Document 75 concerning David W. Ferrie that are withheld from research are withheld collectively by the Department of Justice under these three guidelines. Any further questions you have concerning withholding of these pages should be addressed to that Department.

Before the establishment of the guidelines and the review of CD75 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, this document was withheld from research by the National Archives as an investigatory record under the first provision of our General Restriction Statement No. 5, of which a copy is enclosed. This restriction was established under sections 205 (c) and 205 (d), 63 Stat. 390, which authorized the Administrator of General Services to prescribe regulations to carry out his functions and to delegate his authority to other officials of the General Services Administration.

As you are probably aware, the withholding of investigatory records from research is authorized by the "Freedom of Information Act" (5 U.S.C. 552).

Sincerely,

Herbert E. Angel

HERBERT E. ANGEL
Acting Archivist
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